

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Seamus Ahern (Senator Barack Obama)

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), District 2/ Region 2)

Dixon, Illinois

Project: FAP 309 (US 30)
Section (20-1, 17R, 16, 15, 110)PE 1
Whiteside County
Job No. P-92-107-07

Attendees:

Seamus Ahern (Honorable Senator Barack Obama's representative)

US 30 Project Team Members:

George Ryan (IDOT)

Ross Monk (IDOT)

Becky Marruffo (IDOT)

Dawn Perkins (IDOT)

Deanna Hermes (IDOT)

Dr. Cassandra Rogers (IDOT)

Vic Modeer (Volkert)

Gil Janes (HR Green)

Michael Walton (Volkert)

Shelia A. Hudson (Hudson and Associates, LLC)

Handouts (see attachment):

Power Point - US 30 Environmental Impact Statement and
Phase I Design Report

Meeting Purpose

Deputy Director George Ryan and members of the US 30 Project Study Group (PSG) met with Seamus Ahern (representative for U.S. Senator Barack Obama) to present an overall project status report that included results from the feasibility study; highlights of the next study phase; and to address any project related issues.

The following information was presented:

- Results from the Corridor Feasibility Study
- Federal Requirements for Next Phase (NEPA, EIS and CSS Policies)
- Project Timeline
- Public Outreach Activities
- Public Information Meeting Announcement (July 25, 2007)

US 30 Team Presentation

Becky Marruffo gave opening remarks and introduced the joint-venture team project leaders. Vic Modeer went on to present a power point presentation that focused on results from the feasibility study; highlights of the next phase; federal and state policies (such as NEPA, EIS and CSS); and announced the next public information meeting. Gil Janes closed the meeting by thanking the US Senator and his staff for all for their on-going efforts to champion the project.

Comments/ Issues/Questions:

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Mr. Ahern remarked that on behalf of Senator Obama he wanted to thank Deputy Director Ryan, IDOT staff, and the consultant team for keeping the Senator and his staff informed about the US 30 project. He went on to state that the Senator was in full support of the project, and strongly requested that staff stay engaged as the project moves forward through this next phase.

Seamus stressed the idea that we continue to work with him locally to assure the coordination between local and federal staff in the Senator's office. He went on to say, the last thing the Senator wants to hear is that the project dropped off the radar because of miscommunication within his camp.

Seamus reminded the team that now is the time to start thinking about the next transportation bill. With that being said, he wanted to know if the consultant team had an idea of what the funding needs will be to continue through Phase I and Phase II.

Vic explained funding is secure for Phase I; however it was too early to give a significantly developed estimate without defining the alignment for Phase II.

Gil Janes went on to thank the Senator and his staff for helping secure funds at this stage. He stated that community support and political leadership has been key to the success of the project thus far.

Seamus asked a few more questions about the federal environmental process and the steps required getting a Record of Decision (ROD). Vic explained more in depth the 8 stages to secure a ROD. He also explained that before the project moves to Phase II a ROD must be approved.

Questions:

Q- Was the Feasibility Study and Phase I funded in full?

A- Vic responded yes. In support of Vic's answer Gil went on to state that again because of the efforts of Senator Obama funding was secured to finance the EIS and Design study.

Q - Do you have a specific funding request?

A- Vic responded not at the moment. However, once we complete Phase I we should have a better feel what the numbers will be. Becky responded that at some point we may have some preliminary numbers based on early findings. But again, it's too early to give a number.

Q – Could one of the alternatives be no-build?

A- Vic responded yes. No-build will be an alternative.

**US 30 Phase I Environment Impact
Statement and Design Report
Briefing**

**Honorable Todd Sieben
Senator State of Illinois**

Springfield, Illinois

Thursday, July 19, 2007

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**Honorable Mike Boland
Representative State of Illinois**

Springfield, Illinois

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**Honorable Jerry Mitchell
Representative State of Illinois**

Springfield, Illinois

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**Honorable Mike Jacobs
Senator State of Illinois**

Springfield, Illinois

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**Honorable Barack Obama
U. S. Senator – State of Illinois**

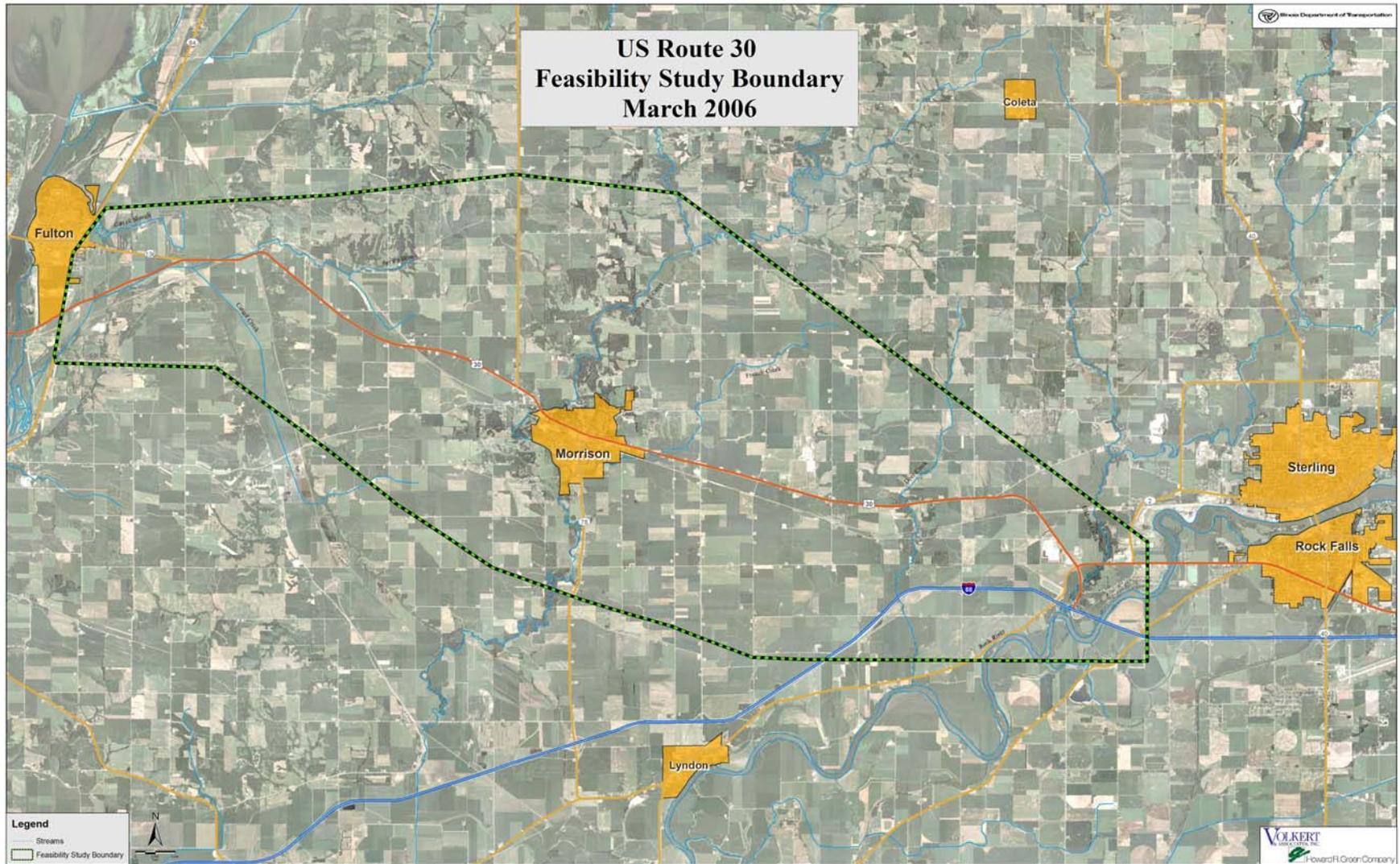
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US Route 30 Project

This project proposes 4 lane improvements in Whiteside County Illinois, from IL 136 in Fulton to IL 40 in Rock Falls.

Feasibility Study Area



- ***The US 30 Corridor Feasibility Study determined there was a need to:***
 - *Improve Regional Mobility*
 - *Accommodate Land Use Planning Goals*
 - *Address Local System Deficiencies and Safety*

**NEXT STEPS – PHASE I
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT AND DESIGN REPORT**

**Using Context Sensitive Solutions
Process**

PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (E.I.S.)

COMPLETE
DESIGN
REPORT

RECORD OF
DECISION
Late 2010

APPROVAL OF
FINAL E.I.S
(PREFERRED
ALTERNATIVE)

EVALUATE &
RESPOND TO
PUBLIC
COMMENTS

PROVIDE DRAFT
E.I.S. FOR PUBLIC
COMMENT

EVALUATE
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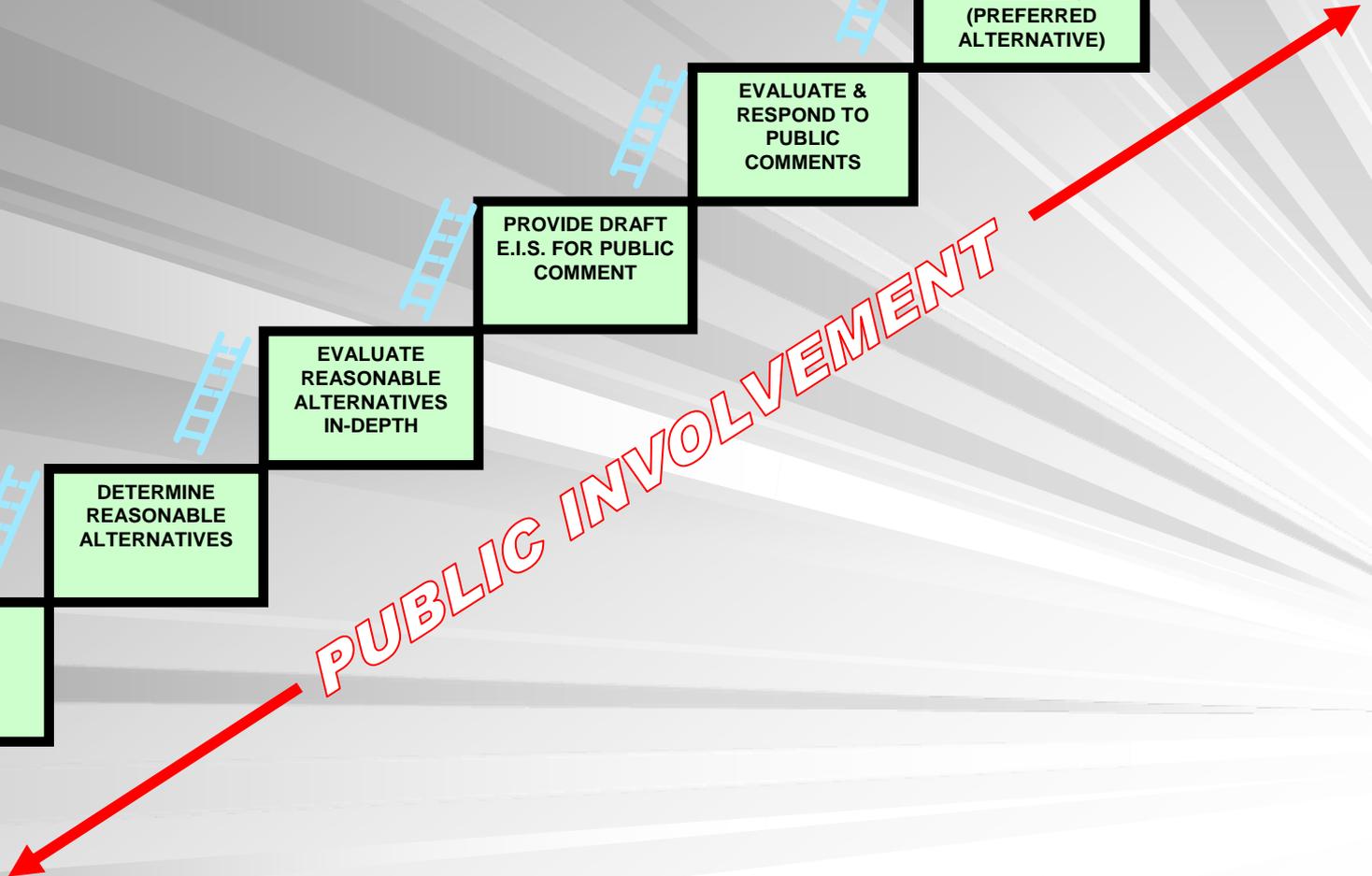
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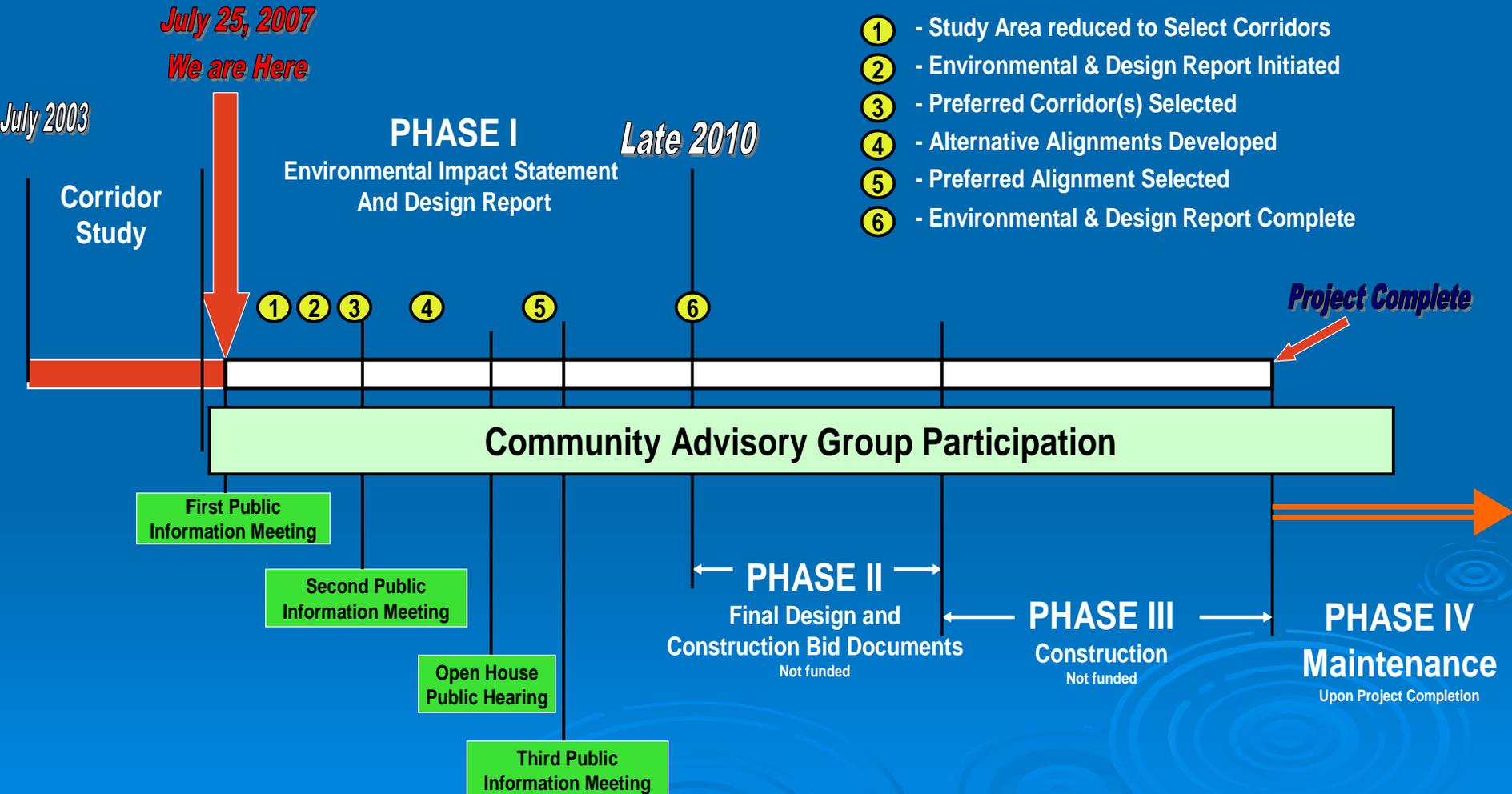
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E.I.S
July 2007

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

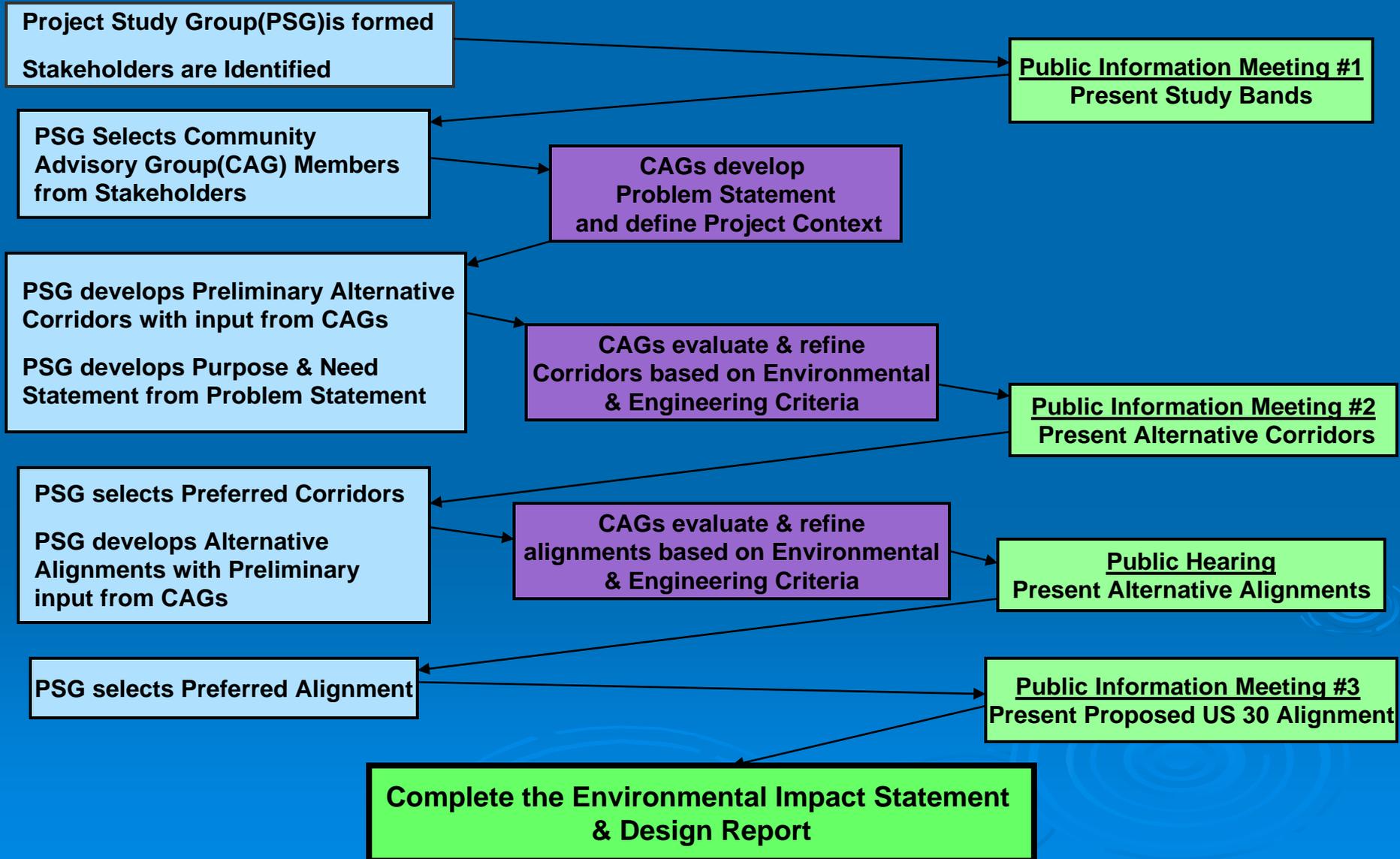
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PHASE I



Project Timeline



CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PROCESS



Other Public Outreach Activities

- Stakeholder Meeting and Briefings
- Public Information Meetings
- New Project Web Site
- New Project Hotline
- Project Newsletters and Fact Sheets

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING
SUPPORT !**